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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2001, Applicants petition for a three month extension of time, extending the date for response to and including August 22, 2001, submit the requisite fee therefor, and request that the referenced patent application be amended as shown below.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amendments to the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 4:

The material of the first end cap 35 is chosen so that, when the filter medium 34 is connected to the first end cap 35, the characteristics of the medium 34 are not materially changed. In particular, when the filter medium 34 is of a water-wettable material, the material of the first end cap is chosen so that a water wettable joint is formed between the filter medium 34 and the first end cap 35. In this case, the end cap material will depend on the material of the filter medium 34. For example, when the filter medium 34 is a FLUORODYNE or SUPOR medium, the end cap 35 may be composed of polypropylene. When the filter medium 34 is composed of a nylon material the first end cap 35 may be composed of a polyester or nylon material. When the filter medium is composed principally of PVDF which has been modified to make the medium water-wettable, the first and second